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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE: ITALIAN REPORT ON ARAB AND
IRANIAN VIEWS

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1. DURING FEBRUARY 5 CONVERSATION BETWEEN DCM AND ITALIAN FOREIGN
MINISTRY POLITICAL DIRECTOR DUCCI ON OTHER SUBJECTS, DUCCI
COMMENTED ON ARAB AND IRANIAN ATTITUDES TOWARD WASHINGTON
ENERGY CONFERENCE. DUCCI, WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED FOREIGN MINISTER
MORO ON HIS JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 3 VISITS TO EGYPT, ABU DHABI,
KUWAIT, TEHRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA (SEPTTEL), SAID THAT IN OFFICIAL TALKS
ARABS HAD NOT REPEAT NO INDICATED ANY OPPOSITION TO THE WASHINGTON
ENERGY CONFERENCE ALTHOUGH KUWAITIS IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS EXPRESSED
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NEGATIVE REACTION. (WE GATHER FROM OTHER SOURCES THAT THE ITALIANS DID NOT RAISE THE SUBJECT).

2. ACCORDING TO DUCCI, ONLY THE IRANIANS REGISTERED A "RESERVE" BY ADVOCATING THAT PROBLEM BEING HANDLED IN OPEC-OECD FORUM, AND THE ITALIANS SEE SOME MERIT IN THIS IRANIAN VIEW.

3. DCM REPLIED THAT IT US VIEW THAT ENERGY PROBLEM REQUIRES ATTENTION OF SPECIAL CONFERENCE, AND RELEGATING IT, FOR EXAMPLE, TO OECD WOULD RISK ITS BEING HANDLED IN ROUTINE FASHION WHICH WHOLLY INADEQUATE TO SITUATION. HOWEVER, DCM SUGGESTED THAT ITALIANS AND OTHERS BRING THEIR SUGGESTIONS ON ALTERNATE METHODS OF HANDLING ENERGY CRISIS TO WASHINGTON CONFERENCE WHERE THEY CAN OBTAIN FULL AIRING. VOLPE

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